

## **Questions and Answers on RFP NNG12441405R**

- 1) Considering FAR 9.5 Organizational and Consultant Conflicts of Interest, will award of this concept study preclude the selected contractor from competing in any subsequent procurement for the prototype unit and/or flight units?

Response: The selected offeror will not be precluded from bidding on any future follow-on efforts.

- 2) Section L.8 states that the offeror shall submit an "Original Plus 3 Hard Copies" of each volume and further states that "Volumes I, II, III, and IV shall be submitted in separate ringed (or similarly bound) binders," which results in delivery of 16 separate binders. Providing 16 separate binders requires the offeror to incur additional proposal costs due to increased preparation time, materials, and shipping costs. Because the size of each of these volumes will be very small, would NASA consider allowing the offeror to consolidate the entire proposal in a single binder, thus reducing the total hard copy submission to 4 (original + 3)?

Response: The volumes can be separated with separate clamps, binders, etc.; however, they need to be separated for our evaluation.

- 3) According to the RFP, this is a competitive procurement for a firm fixed price contract, in which case, CAS is not applicable under 48 CFR 9903.201(b)(15). Accordingly, would NASA remove from the Model Contract Section I.1.A FAR Subpart 52.230-2 Cost Accounting Standards and 52.230-6 Administration of Cost Accounting Standards?

Response: Both clauses will be removed from the Model Contract with an RFP amendment.

- 4) Section L.12 Price Proposal Instructions refers to the fill-in requirement in Section B.2 of the Model Contract, which is to be included in the Offer Volume pursuant to Section L.9 Offer Volume. Based on this, the RFP does not identify any specific information to be included in the Price Volume. Can you clarify what information is NASA expecting to receive in the Price Volume?

Response: The FFP should be listed in the **Price Volume**.

- 5) The Model Contract does not include a Milestone Payment Schedule. Should the Offeror include its proposed Milestone Payment Schedule in the Offer Volume in addition to the relevant FAR clauses, or will the RFP be revised accordingly?

Response: Due to the length of the period of performance and estimated value, NASA does not believe milestone payments are necessary for this effort. We plan to pay for this effort once the 6 month period of performance and effort is completed.

- 6) Neither the purpose of the concept study nor the tasks described in the SOW support the idea that the contractor will be required to receive sensitive information (as that term is defined in NFS 1852.237-72) during performance of the concept study. Accordingly, NFS 1852.237-72 Access to Sensitive is not applicable to this effort. Would NASA remove section H.5 Access to Sensitive Information (1852.237-72)?

Response: NASA FAR Supplement 1852.237-72 is required in the event we use our NASA-wide closeout contractor for assistance in order to close this contract out at completion.

- 7) NFS 1852.232-77 Limitation of Funds (Fixed Price Contract) is not included in the Model Contract. Does that mean NASA intends to fully fund the concept study upon award?

Response: NASA will be fully funding this contract at award.